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DEVELOPMENTS SINCE OUR EARLIER REPORTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE IRAQ GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO CONSTRUCT ON ITS OWN ACCOUNT FOUR IRRIGATION PROJECTS WORTH OVER BILLION DOLLARS USING SOVIET EXPERTS AND EQUIPMENT. PROJECTS ARE: HADITHA DAM, FALLUJA BARRAGE, THARTHAR-TIGRIS CANAL AND KIRKUK MAIN CANAL. (THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT HAS JUST COMPLETED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE THARTHAR-EUPHRATES CANAL USING SOVIET EXPERTS AND EQUIPMENT.)

2. IRAQI DEPUTY MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE ANDAGRARIAN REFORM ANNOUNCED THAT CONTRACTS WILL BE SIGNED IN EARLY JANUARY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHASES ONE AND TWO OF LOWER KHALIS IRRIGATION PROJECT. SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR PHASE ONE IS STILL UNKNOWN, BUT PHASE TWO HAS BEEN AWARDED TO MECHANIZED CONSTRUCTION OF PAKISTAN AT DOLLARS 141 MILLION.
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3. EARLIER REPORTS INDICATED THAT 1976-80 FIVE YEAR PLAN WOULD BE ANNOUNCED JANUARY 1977. NOW UNOFFICIAL REPORTS ARE CIRCULATING THAT PLAN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH/APRIL 1977. HOWEVER, 1977 INVESTMENT PROGRAM IS STILL EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

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